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GENERAL ORDERS,)

No. 137.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, April 2, 1864.

Captain JOHN W. TODD, U. S. Ordnance Department, was dismissed in Special Orders, No. 538, dated December 4, 1863, from the Adjutant General's Office, "for drunkenness and neglect of duty."

The President of the United States now directs that the said order of dismissal be "modified so as to be a suspension from the service for the term of six months, from the 4th day of December last, with a reprimand."

Since the order of dismissal, Captain TODD has submitted testimonials which lead to the belief that the grave offense for which he was dismissed was not the result of settled habit. The President is therefore moved to this act of clemency in the hope of saving to the service an officer who has it in his power to be useful to his country.

The duties of an Officer of Ordnance are of immeasurable responsibility, requiring vigilance, activity, and readiness for duty at all times. It is hoped that Captain TODD, by diligence and circumspection, will show himself worthy of the confidence of the Department and the President's clemency.

At the expiration of his suspension, he will report for orders to the Chief of Ordnance.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.